

In the Claims:

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1 1. (Cancelled)

1 2. (Cancelled)

1 3. (Cancelled)

1 4. (Cancelled)

1 5. (Original) A body for an access port for insufflating a surgical
2 site, comprising:

3 the body including a central bore therethrough from a distal end to a
4 proximal end thereof and including on an outer wall thereof near the distal
5 end an attachment site for an inflatable balloon;

6 a fluid passage within a wall of the body communicating with the
7 attachment site and with a fluid inlet to form a fluid channel for selectively
8 inflating a balloon at the attachment site with fluid under pressure supplied
9 to the inlet;

10 the body including near the proximal end thereof an attachment rim
11 for receiving thereat a resilient sealing member to form a fluid-tight seal
12 with the body and with an aperture therein substantially aligned with central
13 bore; and

14 the body including an insufflation inlet disposed intermediate the
15 distal and proximal ends in communication with the central bore.

1 6. (Original) The body of an access port according to claim 5
2 including a section intermediate the proximal and distal ends for
3 transitioning from the central bore near the distal end to a larger internal
4 bore near the proximal end.

1 7. (Original) The body of an access port according to claim 6 in
2 which the insufflation inlet communicates with the central bore and larger
3 internal bore within the transition section.

1 8. (Original) The body of an access port according to claim 6 in
2 which the fluid inlet is disposed proximate the transition section of the body
3 and near the insufflation inlet.

1 9. (Original) The body of an access port according to claim 5 in
2 which the attachment rim includes a recessed groove within an outer wall of
3 the body near the proximal end thereof for receiving a resilient sealing
4 member therein in fluid-tight seal with the body.

1 10. (Cancelled)

1 11. (Cancelled)

1 12. (Currently Amended) A sealing member for an insufflation
2 access port having a body with a central bore therethrough between distal
3 and proximal ends thereof, the sealing member for attachment to the
4 proximal end of the body, comprising:
5 a hollow cylinder of resilient material having a distal end ~~disposed~~
6 dimensioned to insert within the central bore of the body at the proximal end
7 thereof and including an outwardly extending flange integrally formed on
8 the proximal end of the cylinder to overlay the proximal end of the body, the
9 flange including an aperture therethrough in position to substantially align
10 with the central bore of the body upon attachment thereto for receiving
11 therein an endoscopic instrument in fluid-tight sliding sealing engagement
12 within the aperture;and
13 a protruding ring integrally formed about the cylinder near the distal
14 end thereof for deforming within the central bore of the body to form a fluid-
15 tight seal therewith.

1 13. (Currently Amended) The sealing member according to claim
2 12 for attachment to the body of an access port having a recessed groove
3 about the periphery of the body near the proximal end thereof, the flange of
4 the sealing member comprising:

5 a substantially cylindrical section extending substantially
6 concentrically with the hollow cylinder toward the distal end thereof to
7 overlay the proximal end of the body and terminate with an inwardly
8 intruding rim integrally formed with the cylinder section and the flange and
9 the hollow cylinder, said rim being dimensioned and positioned to engage
10 the recessed groove about the periphery of the body in fluid-tight sealing
11 engagement therein.;and

12 an intruding ring integrally formed on said intruding rim for
13 deforming within the recessed groove to form a fluid-tight seal therein.

1 14. (Cancelled)

1 15. (Cancelled)

1 16. (Original) An auxiliary sealing member for insertion within the
2 aperture of the sealing member of claim 12, comprising:
3 a hollow cylinder of resilient material including an end segment
4 integrally formed on a proximal end of the cylinder having an aperture
5 therethrough, and having an outwardly protruding flange integrally formed
6 about a distal end thereof, the hollow cylinder of the auxiliary sealing
7 member being dimensioned to form a fluid-tight seal within the aperture of
8 the sealing member, and the protruding flange on the distal end of the

9 auxiliary sealing member being disposed to engage the distal end of the
10 sealing member for retaining the auxiliary sealing member within the
11 aperture of the sealing member.

1 17. (Cancelled)